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Our next meeting is on **Monday, March 28, 2016** at 7:00pm  
First Christian Church, 2035 Oleander Dr, Wilmington, NC

**Confirmed guild meeting schedule for 2016** - March 28 -- April 25 -- May 23 -- June 27 -- July 25 -- August 22 -- September 26 -- October 24 -- November 21 (\* third Monday) -- December 5, Christmas party

\*If New Hanover Co schools are closed due to inclement weather on meeting nights then the guild will **NOT** meet.



### **From the desk of the President**

We had a great turnout for the 'Circle of Friends' Challenge - 19 quilts were submitted - the best participation we've seen in years! I guess 'friends' was a great inspiration. We are looking forward to seeing them all displayed at PIECEWORK in April.

Speaking of the quilt show, the acceptance notices have been sent out, as well as notifications of quilts we weren't able to accept. Please don't take it personally if your quilts were rejected (two of my own were). If you are considering bringing in any quilts for sale, please send me a note with the quilt info - number of them, size of each one and your asking price. We'll respond with info on how we plan on handling quilt sales. Once we know how many quilts will be submitted, we may need to limit the number of quilts per person that we can handle. As for quilts that have been accepted for display that you labeled 'for sale', we'll be contacting you with the quilt sale process.

This venue is going to be great, but it proved to be quite a challenge to design the layout; we ended up accepting less quilts than we had planned on, as it was very difficult to manage the space. Designing a display that is hung from the ceiling was new to us and to the people responsible for actually hanging them - so this was experimental and it will be a learning experience for everyone. (We'll be better at it next time!)

**March 19 is National Quilting Day** - do something special and tell us about it at guild. Quilt with a friend, start a new project, make a charity quilt - or better yet, go to some quilt shops!

Keep on quilting!  
Mary Ann

### **News of Note:**

**Condolences to Ann Hope Marvin** on the loss of her sister, Judy Swadel. Many of you will remember that Judy graciously offered us her 'purple house' at Kure Beach to allow us to house teachers we hired for workshops for several years.

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**Thanks to everyone** that entered a quilt into the 'Circle of Friends' Challenge. We had 19 participants – one of the most successful challenges we've ever had! Congratulations to our winners -

Lynn Flaherty - Best interpretation of theme

Donna Bergman - Best use of color

Becky Buccì - Best use of embellishments.

Each winner was awarded with a \$25.00 check.

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## PIECEWORK

This year's show is a new venture for us, partnering with the BAC. The good news is they are responsible for the physical labor, admissions, advertising, the vendors and any show expenses. That leaves us with the responsibility of gathering and returning the quilts, and supporting guild activities: the boutique, raffle quilt and demonstrations. Please consider helping us out!

### **Volunteers needed:**

**We need a few more people to do some demos over the course of the weekend. 4:30 to 6:00 for both Sat. & Sun time slots. We need two people for each time slot on both days, thank you to those who have already volunteered your time and skills.**

**Contact: Chris Dahl [foxymom313@gmail.com](mailto:foxymom313@gmail.com)**

**We need several people to spend a couple hours at the Raffle Quilt table during the show.**

**Contact: Dianne Brisson [golfbag7@yahoo.com](mailto:golfbag7@yahoo.com)**

**We need several volunteers on Monday, April 4 to fold and bag quilts from 2pm – 4pm and to assist with quilt return from 4:30pm – 6:00pm..**

**Contact Mary Ann Kotas [maryann.kotas@gmail.com](mailto:maryann.kotas@gmail.com)**

**If you have any questions regarding PIECEWORK, please contact me and I'll be sure someone addresses your questions. Mary Ann Kotas [maryann.kotas@gmail.com](mailto:maryann.kotas@gmail.com)**



I've been asked to coordinate the audience/children's activity for the BAC quilt show. We have a need for solid color fabrics (any color). If they could be pre-cut into 2 inch squares, I would be delighted. If not, I'll take any size pieces and will do the cutting myself. **Please bring the squares and/or fabric to the March guild meeting.** Thank you, Bobbi Fitzsimmons

### **Boutique at BAC**

Ladies please remember that we have VERY limited space for the show. Since the bulk of what is going upstairs must be brought up on a lift, we encourage you to sell your lovely items but limit the number of each you bring. We can store small amounts under the tables and you can leave some in your cars if you are going to be working. We will also call you if all your items are sold and want to bring more. The Guild

will be taking 15% of the sales and there will a form going in the newsletter.  
Drop off will be 1-4 on Thurs. March 31 at BAC . Any questions please call or email Betty or Alice.  
Thanks for your patience! It is a new experience for us!!!!  
Betty Flavin and Alice O'Dwyer [robertflavin@bellsouth.net](mailto:robertflavin@bellsouth.net) [jandaodwyer@gmail.com](mailto:jandaodwyer@gmail.com)



## Quilt Raffle Ticket Updates!

If you know of any shows or gatherings where showing the raffle quilt and selling tickets could benefit the guild, I need to know about them. I'll also need volunteers to bring the quilt to the shows, display it, and sell tickets at the various shows around the state. As much as I'd like to, I can't go to ALL the quilt shows in NC in 2016, but with your help, our raffle quilt will! If you know of a show or a venue that will meet our needs, please contact me at: [diannebrisson@gmail.com](mailto:diannebrisson@gmail.com)

I can make the arrangements, but I'll need your help to display the quilt, sell raffle tickets to make this plan a success.

Also, in an effort to sell more raffle tickets, without having a quilt show this year, we are offering a free 2017 guild membership to the person who sells the most raffle tickets in 2016.

## QBTS BOM 2016

Pat Haislip and Vonda Witherspoon would like to welcome you to QBTS "Sixteen inches BOM's for 2016." We hope you find them enjoyable to stitch.

March's BOM is **Temple Court** from [quilterscache.com](http://quilterscache.com) Have fun with this blue and yellow beauty!!  
[www.quilterscache.com/T/TempleCourtBlock.html](http://www.quilterscache.com/T/TempleCourtBlock.html)  
Instructions can also be found at the bottom of the newsletter.



Anyone who currently has my email address saved as: [playdoll2@yahoo.com](mailto:playdoll2@yahoo.com) please change it to: [playdoll2@gmail.com](mailto:playdoll2@gmail.com) in your \*saved contacts\*. I'm still seeing guild items come through at the Yahoo address and I've not used Yahoo as my main address for some time, and very shortly will not be checking Yahoo anymore. Just want to make sure all guild related info gets to me at the Gmail address if possible. Thanks, Ani (Ann Hudson)



**The second neo-natal workshop of 2016** will be held on March 19 at Cape Fear Hospital on Wrightsville Avenue from nine to two o'clock. Our goal to turn in 200 quilts to the unit was met last year, and we are certainly hoping to meet that goal again this year. As always, kits will be provided, and everyone is not only welcome but also encouraged to come together to participate in this truly worthwhile program. If you are new to the guild, this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other

guild members in a convivial and constructive day of quilting. A sign-up sheet will be at the February guild meeting for those of you who can be there, or, if you prefer, you can sign up with Carolyn Baker online at [gbaker2@ec.rr.com](mailto:gbaker2@ec.rr.com) or call her at (910) 383-6682 or with Anne Freeling at [freeanne@live.com](mailto:freeanne@live.com) or (910) 383-1427.

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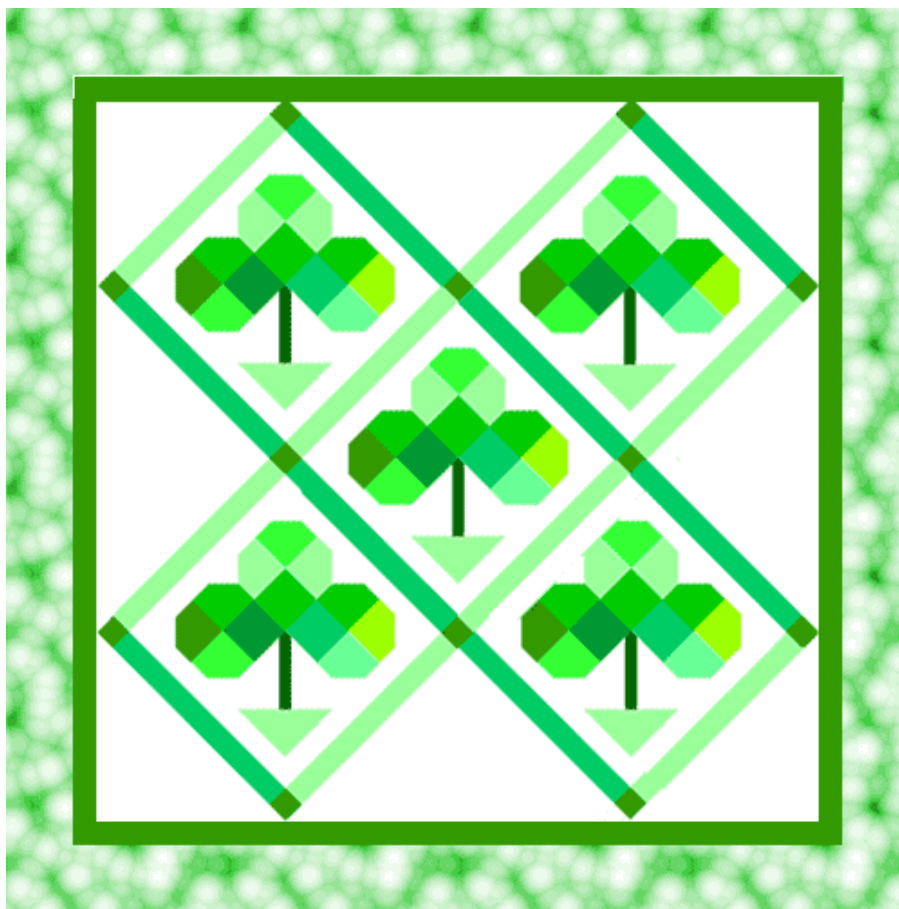


**Attention!!!** Looking for guild members who would like to teach a class/workshop for the guild. Please send your name and what you would like to teach to: **Ann Millard** at [atm1946@earthlink.net](mailto:atm1946@earthlink.net) or you can call her at 619-4010 to talk with her. We would like to get a list going of members that would like to share their skills with other quilters. Thank you!

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Announcing the return of the "FREE" table at our monthly guild meetings! After all, one quilter's trash is another one's treasure. Bring any items you'd like to share to the kitchen prior to our meeting. Members may shop before the meeting and at the break. Lise King will be the coordinator.

The Wilmington chapter of **Quilts for Kids** is now fully functioning. Quilts will primarily be donated to the Betty Cameron Children's Hospital. Finished quilts should be approximately 40"x55"; made of 100% cotton; well quilted; with the binding sewn down by machine. I hope to hold workshops in the near future. For more info, call Kendra Grove at [301-491-3304](tel:301-491-3304) or email me at [WilmingtonQFK@QuiltsforKids.org](mailto:WilmingtonQFK@QuiltsforKids.org)  
Website: [www.QuiltsforKids.org](http://www.QuiltsforKids.org)

Fellow members,

Thank you so much for your donations of scrap fabric for the dog beds - they have surely been a blessing. However, I have received word that the lady who received the beds can no longer use them. So I won't be able to take any more scraps to her - thanks so much for all your help. **Jaleena Hudson**



### Programs and Classes for 2016

First, let's give a big Thank You to Mari de Moya for her wonderful program last month. The history was so interesting and the quilts were fabulous. It is so wonderful that we have so many extremely talented members in our Guild – and that they share!!

**March 28:** Our program will be “**Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement**” with **Suzi Parron**. Suzi will be taking us on a journey along the quilt trail – a wonderful collection of hundreds of painted quilts. The presentation will be a combination of slides and lecture. And earlier that same day, we will have a class on making our very own barn quilt! [www.barnquiltinfo.com](http://www.barnquiltinfo.com)

In our Barn Quilt class that same day, we will be making a 2 foot by 2 foot painted barn quilt suitable to hang on a small building. Class will start at noon and should last about 3 hours. And we leave with a finished (or pretty close!) quilt block! 28 of us have signed up for this class so we should have a lot of fun

– and a great SHOW AND TELL at the meeting! Students will need to bring minimal supplies – a yardstick and a pencil!! Students will be receiving an email shortly with the details for their class.

**April 25:** We are proud to welcome Scott Fortunoff, the President of Blank Quilting Corporation and StudioE Fabrics to our meeting. He will present a program on the “Ins and Outs of the Fabric Industry”. Scott is one of the fourth generation family members that are now running the business. Blank Quilting celebrated their 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015! Get your questions on the fabric industry ready, this will be an excellent opportunity to get some answers.

**May 23:** QBTS Outreach Activities. We will have a discussion of our currently designated Guild Outreach activities. We hope this will be helpful for both new and long time members as we discuss the ways we support our community, the impact these activities have on ourselves and others, and how members can best to support the Guild in these efforts.

**July 25:** We will do our annual Christmas in July program with several short demonstrations to visit. If you are interested in sharing a small project that you love, please let me know. We have one person signed up already! It would be good to have at least 5 tables going.

**August 22:** Deb Karasik will be joining us for both a program and for a class. The topics have not been selected yet, more news to come on this!!

**November 21:** Barbara Cline will be joining us for both a program and class. Her lecture will be “Amazing Diamond Chains” and we will learn several techniques for forming diamond chains. Her class will be from her “Let’s Party Table Runner” pattern. More information will be coming for these!!

**December 5:** QBTS Annual Christmas Party is scheduled for this date and needs a hostess. Is anyone interested in leading this event? It is a lot of fun!

If you have a specific lecturer or teacher you would like to see come to our Guild, please let me know!

Dianne Putnam  
[deputnam@charter.net](mailto:deputnam@charter.net) or (910)329-1332



### **NC Quilt Symposium 2016**

The information for the 2016 NC Quilt Symposium is available on line at <http://capitalquilters.org/symposium2016/>.

The 2016 NC Quilt Symposium will be held in Raleigh, NC on June 2 – 5 at William Peace University and sponsored by the Capital Quilters. Hopefully by now you have looked at their website and picked out a class or two that interests you. It isn’t too late to get your registration forms in!! For those that have already sent their forms in, we should be hearing about our class selections in the near future.

As always, if you have questions, please let us know and we’ll try and get you an answer!

Dianne Putnam and Heather Tighe  
NCQSI Board Members



## Membership News

We would like to welcome two new members, Leslie Weiss and Monique Kanadianian, to our guild....and would like to welcome back Pat Bowsby and Sylvia Hewitt. With these new additions to our roster we now have 183 members. Members, please remember to look for our new members at the meetings, those with the green ribbons on their name tags. We have grown so much this past year we all need to make an extra effort to make our new members feel welcomed, and to help answer any of their questions and concerns.

Thank you for this assistance.  
Karen

Please be sure to pick up your membership card and raffle tickets at the meetings. Raffle tickets are due back by November 15 ....we will raffle our beautiful quilt in December.

FYI: Your membership card will give you a 10% discount at Joann's and please check with your favorite quilt shop as to whether they will give you a percentage off.

Any questions email me at [justduckykaren@aol.com](mailto:justduckykaren@aol.com)



### **NC Quilt Guilds Invited to Attend Uncle Eli's 85th Quilting Party on April 7th, 2016!**

GRAHAM, N.C.— The 2016 Uncle Eli's Quilting Party will be held on Thursday April 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eli Whitney Recreation Center in Graham, NC. Now in its 85th year, Uncle Eli's Quilting Party is the country's longest-running annual quilt event.

The event is free and open to the public. There will be a quilt exhibit and quilting frames set up for group quilting and quilting demonstrations. Visitors are encouraged to bring quilts to display, handwork and a dish to share at the potluck lunch served at 1:00 PM.

This year's quilting party also includes a special exhibit of vintage clothing patterns from the 1920s and '30s.

The event's organizers invite quilt guilds from across the state to participate.

The first quilting party was held in 1931. The event has been held annually on the first Thursday of April for over eighty years.

Eli Whitney is about 13 miles south of Graham on N.C. 87. The recreation center is at 4110 East Greensboro Chapel Hill Road, Graham, N.C. 27253.

For more information, contact:  
Wendy McBane  
[919-259-8510](tel:919-259-8510)  
[wendy\\_mcbane@rhoworld.com](mailto:wendy_mcbane@rhoworld.com)

**FOR SALE!**

**2013 Handi Quilter Avante**, 18" throat with adjustable 6-10 ft. table. This is a great longarm machine with stitch regulator, includes micro handles, ruler base, separate M size (large) bobbin winder, needles, Pattern Grid for table top, 80+ pantograph patterns (worth \$1,200+), approximately 60 bobbins and some thread. Asking \$7,750.00 but will negotiate. If interested or would like to try it out please call Barb Fortini at 910-371-6283 or email at [countrylanequilting@hotmail.com](mailto:countrylanequilting@hotmail.com)



**QBTS Guild Outreach Projects** \*Participation in these activities is voluntary.

**Baby Hats** Please make hats 6" or less from top to bottom to fit babies in nursery. They need to be pink or blue. (All sizes are needed at present time.) If you need yarn, please let me know. I do have some patterns also. Check our website for directions. (Betty Flavin)

**Bereavement Sets** for the hospital. 18 x 18" square blanket, either knitted or crocheted, and a matching hat in any PASTEL color or WHITE for stillborn babies or babies who expire at birth or shortly after. Two per month on average are used. (Betty Flavin)

**Chemo Scarves** for cancer patients. The pattern is on the website. (Amy Brassard)

**Flag Donations** Old flags collected to be placed on the caskets of veterans before cremation. (Jan Jacobson)

**Food Drive Each month** we bring non-perishable food items that are given to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard (Bev Cochran) Federal Point Help Center (Anne Hope Marvin) and St. Mary's Tileston Outreach (Mary Ann Kotas) on a rotating basis.

**Habitat for Humanity Quilts** Quilts for new Habitat homeowners. (Barb Sieme)

**Neo-Natal Quilts** for babies on the neonatal unit at NHRMH (Carolyn Baker & Anne Freeling)

**Quilts of Valor and Wounded Warrior Quilts** (Kirsta Meadows)



**Committees**

Habitat Quilts- Barb Sieme / Beekeeper- Angela Bridger 686-6719 / B.O.M.- Vonda Witherspoon 599-8566 & Pat Haislip / Historian- Vonda Witherspoon 599-8566 / Neonatal- Carolyn Baker 383-6682 & Anne Freeling 383-1427 / Librarian- Donna Bergman 371-2613 / Raffle Coordinator- Amy Brassard 793-3496 & Candy Smith 452-9217 / Sunshine Lady- RoseMarie Dalby 371-6504/ Workshop Chairwoman – Ann Millard 619-4010 / Retreat: Lynn Flaherty 617-519-9870 /Symposium Finance: Miranda Dungan (2015, 2016), Dianne Putnam (2015, 2016) /



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**The Twin Rivers Quilt Guild** would like to invite your members to submit quilts to our 2016 show - "Bee By The River" to be held on October 21-22 at the New Bern Convention Center. We have added a new category: Modern quilts. Please visit our website for more information:  
[www.twinriversquiltersguild.com](http://www.twinriversquiltersguild.com)

**March 11-12, 2016 - Just Spoolin' Around - Charlotte Quilters' Guild Annual Quilt Show**  
Metrolina Expo Fairgrounds - 7100 Statesville Rd, Charlotte, NC  
[www.charlottequiltersguild.org/quilt-show](http://www.charlottequiltersguild.org/quilt-show)

**April 15-17, 2016 - Warrenton Quilt Days - Historic Warrenton, NC**  
Inaugural regional quilt show - National quilt experts, designers and appraisers. Hundreds of quilts will be displayed in historic homes, churches, the Courthouse Square, public buildings, businesses, the

Cotton Gin, and on porch railings.  
[www.warrentonquiltdays.com](http://www.warrentonquiltdays.com)  
[randi@warrentonquiltdays.com](mailto:randi@warrentonquiltdays.com)

**April 27 - July 2, 2016 -- ArtQuilts Voices**

Page-Walker Arts & History Center - 119 Ambassador Loop - Cary, NC 27513

Please join PAQA-South as the members visually express the many voices in their lives. PAQASouth will also host an Artist Reception on Friday, April 29th from 6-8 p.m., giving the public a unique opportunity to meet and interact with the artists in an intimate setting.

Contact: Roxane Lessa, Exhibit Chair – [exhibits@paqa-south.org](mailto:exhibits@paqa-south.org)

**April 29-30, 2016 (Fri 10-5:30, Sat 10-4) Sunny Days and Starry Nights Quilt Show**

Presented by the Salisbury-Rowan Quilters Guild

First Baptist Ministry Center

223 N Fulton St, Salisbury, NC 28144

Admission \$5, children under 12 free, groups of 15 or more \$4 each.

[www.facebook.com/SRGQuilt](http://www.facebook.com/SRGQuilt)

Contact: Linda Bryant, show chairman [ljbryant@bellsouth.net](mailto:ljbryant@bellsouth.net)

**May 12-14, 2016 - Biennial Quilt Show "Springtime in the Carolinas"**

Rutherford Quilt Guild

Isothermal Community College, Student Union

286 ICC Loop Road (off Route 74 Alt), Spindale, NC

<http://rutherfordquiltguildinc.org>

**May 20-21, 2016 (9-5pm) - "Celebrate!: 35 Years of Quilting"**

Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Guild Quilt Show

Old Clemmons Gym, 6031 Stadium Dr, Clemmons, NC

[www.forsythquilters.org](http://www.forsythquilters.org)

For information, contact Amy Elliott, Publicity Chairman (336) 924-6790 or [Nthia19@aol.com](mailto:Nthia19@aol.com)

**June 2-5, 2016 - Quilting with the Stars**

**2016 North Carolina Quilt Symposium**

William Peace College, 15 E Peace St, Raleigh, NC

[www.capitalquilters.org](http://www.capitalquilters.org)

[symposium@capitalquilters.org](mailto:symposium@capitalquilters.org)

**June 21 - September 6, 2016 - Row By Row Experience**

[www.rowbyrowexperience.com](http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com)

**August 20 2016 - 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Carolina Pine Needle Quilters Guild**

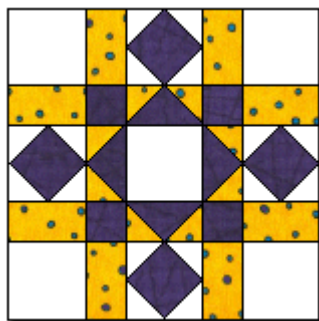
Featuring Jenny Doan of Missouri Star Quilt Co. Tickets go on sale March 10th 2016

For more information go to <http://www.carolinapineneedlequiltersguild.webs.com>



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**\*\* Supplies List \*\***



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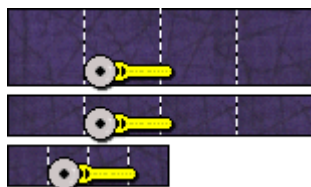


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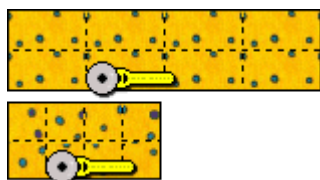


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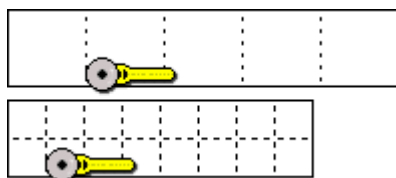
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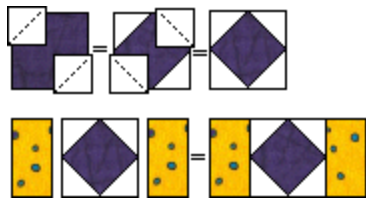
Start by cutting the Color 1 4-1/2" x 18" strip into four 4-1/2" squares. Next cut the Color 1 2-1/2" x 18" strip into four 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles. Then cut the Color 1 2-1/2" x 10" strip into four 2-1/2" squares...



Now cut the Color 2 5" x 18" strip into eight 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles. Cut the Color 2 5" x 10" strip into eight 2-1/2" squares...



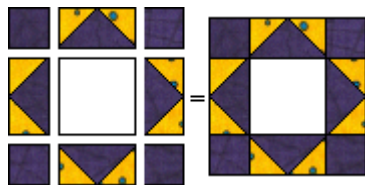
Next cut the Color 3 4-1/2" x 22-1/2" strip into five 4-1/2" squares. Then cut the Color 3 5" x 20" strip into sixteen 2-1/2" squares...



To make the side units, place a Color 3 small square right sides together atop the upper left corner of a Color 1 large square, with outer edges aligned. On the back of the top square lightly mark the diagonal. Sew on this diagonal marking. Cut off the excess seam allowance. Press the remainder towards the corner. Repeat this with another Color 3 square on the opposing corner of the square, and then on the two adjacent corners. Make four of these units. These should measure 4-1/2" square at this point. Sew Color 2 rectangles to opposing sides of each unit.



To make the flying geese units, place a Color 2 square right sides together atop a Color 1 rectangle, with outer edges aligned. On the back of the top square lightly mark the diagonal. Sew on this diagonal marking. Cut off the excess seam allowance. Press the remainder towards the corner. Repeat this with another Color 3 square on the other end of the rectangle. Make four of these units. They should measure 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" at this point...



Now sew the block's center unit by laying out the small Color 1 squares, the four flying geese units, and one of the Color 3 larger squares as shown at left. Sew these together into three horizontal rows, using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press the top and bottom row seams to the outside, and the middle row seam to the center...

